

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 2870

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: ERIK GEIDL  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/976,188  
FILED: October 12, 2001  
FOR: IN-PLACE ADAPTIVE HANDWRITING  
INPUT METHOD AND SYSTEM

EXAMINER: T. Zhou  
ART UNIT: 2173  
CONF. NO: 1419

**Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is a response to the Office action dated May 18, 2004 (hereinafter "the Office action"). Please consider the following amendments and appended remarks, which applicants submit places the case in condition for allowance.